



***Renewing Yesler's Promise
City Council Briefing
September 30, 2013***

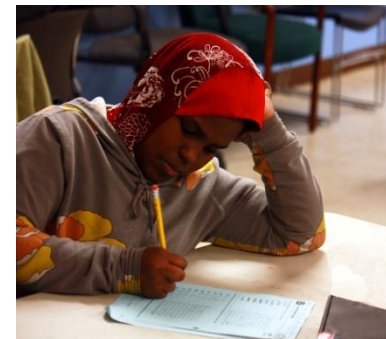
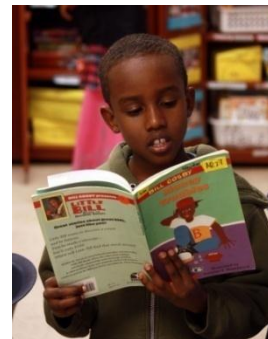
Major Accomplishments

- Beginning construction for 98 replacement homes
- Relocating residents and providing them extensive counseling and assistance
- Transforming the steam plant into the Epstein Opportunity Center
- Implementing Community Workforce Agreement
- Incorporating community input to shape housing and neighborhood design
- Received approval of preliminary plat by Hearing Examiner
- Increasing summer learning opportunities
- Expanding job opportunities with neighborhood partners

Education Opportunities

Goal:

Ensure that Yesler Terrace neighborhood students receive the resources they need to obtain their educational and career goals and can experience financial stability as adults, free of government low-income housing subsidies



Increasing Educational Opportunities

- 25 Yesler families participating in early learning parent-child home program
- 130 Yesler children and youth engaged in summer learning (up from 40 in 2011)
- 55% of 5th Grade Bailey Gatzert Elementary School students demonstrating proficiency in science
- Education Engagement Specialist supporting families and students

Economic Opportunities

Goal:

Assist Yesler residents in achieving financial stability



Expanding Economic Opportunities

- 19 Yesler Terrace residents hired with the help of Economic Opportunities services (average wage = \$11.36/hour)
- 8 of those residents received jobs from job fairs and hiring events sponsored by employer partners
- 20 residents completed integrated ESL/Job Skills class
- 4 residents completed the SVI pre-apprenticeship construction training program



Improving Resident Health

- New health clinic funded by the Families and Education Levy at Bailey Gatzert Elementary School
- Two community health educators connecting residents to healthcare resources
- Resident enrollment in expanded Medicaid program under the Affordable Healthcare Act



Other Related Initiatives

- Seattle Foundation partnering with SHA to help leverage Choice Neighborhood grant with philanthropic and public investments
- Free wi-fi installed and available to all Yesler residents
- Department of Justice technical assistance funding awarded to SHA to develop public safety plan



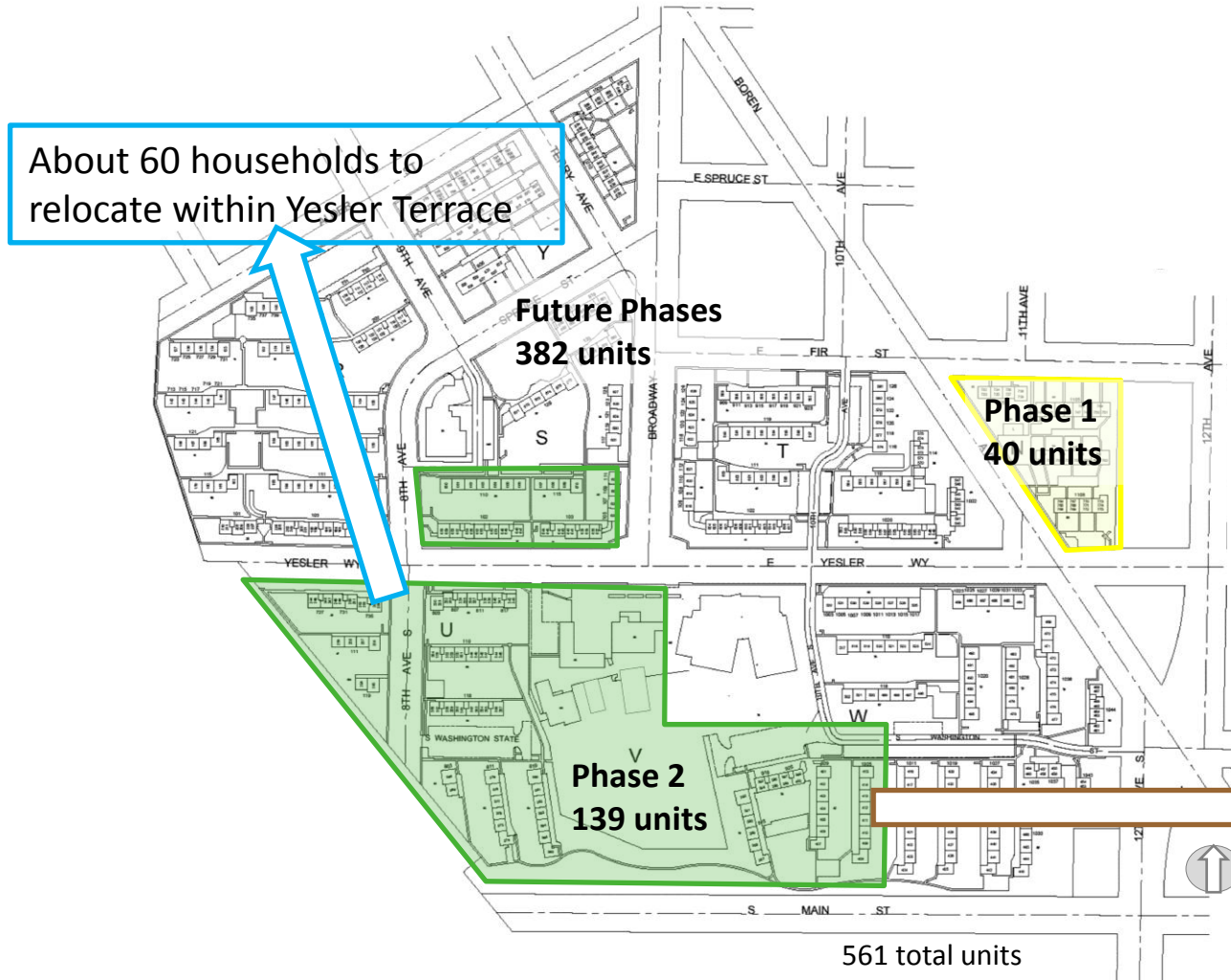
Phase 2 Relocation Underway

- Relocation began in July 2012 with an 18-month notice
- 132 households to be relocated, comprised of 248 individuals out of the 1,200 total who live at Yesler Terrace
- Intensive individualized communication and support
- Attention paid to each resident's preferences and individual needs
- Ensuring each resident receives full moving benefits and understands their right to return to Yesler Terrace



Residents Have Relocation Choices

1. Residents decide their preferences
2. SHA finds housing that meets those preferences
3. Multiple options for comparable housing are presented to match preferences closely



Where have residents chosen to go?

Majority of households chose SHA housing at or within 2 miles of Yesler Terrace

92 chose SHA housing

- 47 chose to move within Yesler Terrace
- 45 chose offsite SHA housing: Rainier Vista, NewHolly, International Terrace, Beacon Tower

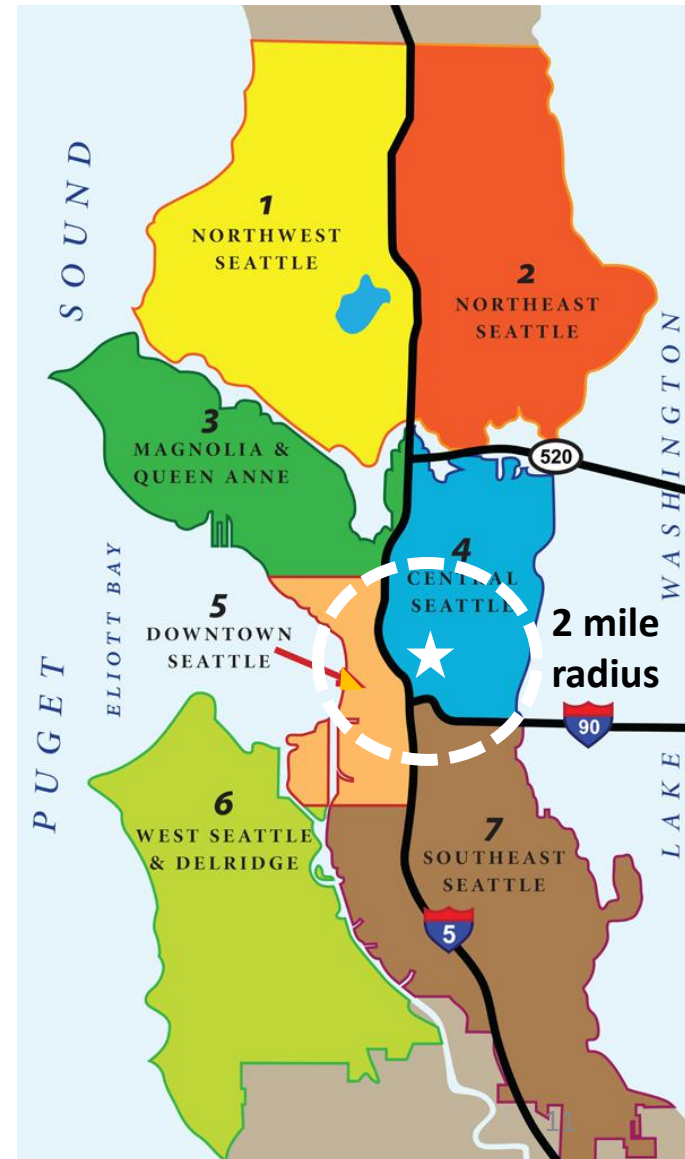
12 chose other housing

- private market using voucher: Seattle, King County, Bothell, Everett, Sequim

28 still deciding

132 total households in Phase 2

As of 9.24.13



Supporting Residents During Relocation

Families with school-aged children

- 31 families with total of 80 school children
- 7 of 27 Bailey Gatzert Elementary students will enroll elsewhere due to relocation
 - ✓ Each family received specialized counseling
 - ✓ Families were given relocation options during the summer
 - ✓ In partnership with Seattle Public Schools, SHA coordinated free transportation back to Yesler Terrace neighborhood schools for those who moved away

Moving Assistance

- Residents shown multiple housing options based on their preferences
- Residents with special needs are offered case management support and packing assistance in addition to professional moving services paid for by SHA
- Multi-lingual staff available onsite to provide culturally tailored assistance

Support for Housing Choice Voucher participants

- Everyone in Phase 2 who declared their preference for a voucher received one
- Classes with interpreters on how to succeed in the private market and use a voucher
- Extensive housing search assistance provided

The Stories Behind the Numbers

- ❖ **Mohamed and his family** decided on a townhome at Rainier Vista. The kids continue their schooling at Bailey Gatzert with transportation assistance provided. They relish the second bathroom, which speeds up the morning routine
- ❖ **Phy, an elderly resident**, wanted to remain onsite to be close to Harborview and to keep connected with her friends at Yesler Terrace
- ❖ **Bonnie, resident since 1954**, settled in to her new home before her 81st birthday. She appreciates features at Center Park like level access to a bus stop, trash chutes, elevator
- ❖ **Amelia and her son** moved close to UW Bothell with a voucher. They plan to return to Seattle after she finishes college there
- ❖ **Hiet, father of two**, chose a scattered sites unit near Yesler Terrace that is just blocks away from his son's high school



Thank you!



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